

One major factor that is not reflected in the 1970 traffic counts is the recent completion of the four-lane Vernon Avenue. Four laning of this street will undoubtedly increase traffic volume on it. It should also be noted that several traffic point stations of Kinston are at or near their 1990 projected traffic volumes. This indicates that Kinston has, or in some instances is close to having, 1990 traffic volumes on 1970 streets and highways.

Sidewalks

As indicated by Map I, Existing Sidewalks, the majority of sidewalks are located in the central city with sidewalks adjacent to school sites and major arteries of travel such as Carey Road, Heritage Street, and Highland Avenue. Sidewalks adjacent to school sites, recreational areas and heavy density pedestrian traffic areas are necessary, not only as a convenience factor, but more important, for safety.

Areas of Kinston which do not have sidewalks are the northwestern section, and the southeastern section. The northwestern area is characterized by white, low density, new residential development. The southeast section of Kinston is characterized by non-white, low to high density, older residential development. All major streets in Kinston's CBD have sidewalks. School sites are also provided with sidewalks.

Since 1960 sidewalk installation has been to the southeast, west and northwest directions. Map I reflects existing sidewalks and sidewalk installation since 1960.